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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 38
By Robinson

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of James W. Garrison.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of James W. Garrison; and

WHEREAS, James W. Garrison was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, James W. Garrison was born in Brazil, Indiana, the son of James Henry and Caroline Telshow Garrison; and

WHEREAS, he served in the Air Corps, United States Army, 97th Bomb Group and 414th Bomb Squad; and held the rank of first lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, James W. Garrison received the Distinguished Flying Cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in the Mediterranean Theater of Operations on March 24, 1945; and

WHEREAS, he was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious achievement in aerial flight while participating in sustained operational activities against the enemy between November 19, 1944 and December 25, 1944; and

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WHEREAS, James W. Garrison attended the Pittsburg Institute of Mortuary Science and later owned and operated the Garrison Funeral Home in Williamsburg, Virginia for twenty-three years; and

WHEREAS, despite the pressing demands of his work, he served as secretary for the Williamsburg, Virginia Exchange Club and held memberships in the Virginia Funeral Directors Association and the Tidewater Funeral Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, a humane and caring individual, James W. Garrison was active for more than fifteen years with the Williamsburg Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, devout Christians James W. Garrison and his wife Doris co-founded the Williamsburg Church of the Nazarene; and

WHEREAS, James W. Garrison was an active and devout member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Nashville for three years; and

WHEREAS, James W. Garrison enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-one years, Doris; he was the proud parent of four children, Reverend David Garrison of Cameron, Missouri, Bill Garrison of Hockessin, Delaware, Pat Sutherland of Greenville, Tennessee, and Don Garrison of Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, the legacy James W. Garrison leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine citizen; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of James W. Garrison, remembering with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of James W. Garrison.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.